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WEST STAYS IN GAME

DECLINES TO STEP ASIDE AS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Democratic State Committee Apparently Favors John Manning; Kentucky Klick Wants Myers.

The Democratic State Central Committee met Thursday evening at the Imperial Hotel, in Portland, 24 counties being represented, Chairman Alex Sweek presiding.

All day Thursday the Democratic warhorses and party leaders conducted what was in reality a close corporation assembly in the lobbies of the hotel, the chief theme, "how can we eliminate 'left' Myers and 'right' West from the gubernatorial race and give John Manning the right of way at the primaries?"

After trying all day it was said Thursday night that Mr. Myers had agreed to withdraw if Mr. West would do so, but that Mr. West refused.

John Manning for Governor and the elimination of Jefferson Myers and Oswald West from the race was the apparent object of the all-day and evening session of the State Central Committee of the Democratic party, which met Thursday in the Imperial Hotel. Adjournment was taken at 11 o'clock at night without the open endorsement of any candidate for any office, but as nearly as could be learned, it was all Manning with the 24 members of the committee who were present.

That the Democrats must center their efforts upon one candidate for each important office, throw personal grudges and ill-feelings to the winds and "stand pat" for the ticket chosen at the primaries, was the tenor of the entire meeting.

During the day, strenuous efforts were made by loyal party men to persuade Mr. Myers and Mr. West to withdraw from the race for the Governorship. It was said that Mr. Myers had consented to do so if Mr. West would, but that the latter had refused.

There seems to be a determination among the prominent leaders to demand that personal ambitions be sacrificed for "the good of the party," which, so far as the head of the state ticket is concerned, is strongly for John Manning, ex-District Attorney of Multnomah County. It is said he will accept if a clear field is presented. He was present and personally urged harmony in the party ranks.

Jubilant in Evidence.

Judge Alex Sweek, chairman of the committee, presided, calling the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock. Secretary John B. Ryan read the call for the meeting and called the roll. Twenty-four counties were represented, and it was said by those present to be one of the most representative Democratic meetings held for months. All were highly pleased with the attendance and there appeared to be jubilation among the faithful. Several prominent local party men were on hand and gave hearty support to the statements of the committee men, all of which called for loyal and harmonious action by those who wished the success of the ticket.

From 8 until 11 o'clock, the party representatives held merry away, and all had an opportunity to discuss the situation. The committee men told of the great prospect for success, which they declared was in view, and all gave it as gospel truth that the Republican party was about to be dissolved in Oregon and the Democrats placed in power because of the recent assembly at the Armory, where a full state ticket was endorsed by more than 1200 Republicans from every section of the state.

All-Day Assembly Held.

Nothing was said, however, on the floor during the session last night as to the assembly-in-fact, held all day Thursday by the comparatively small number of Democrats at the Imperial. That it was nothing less than an assembly of Democrats, looking toward the success of the party ticket in the approaching campaign, was admitted by some of the most prominent members present. It differed only in the number of participants and the method, the Republican assembly being held in the open with large numbers in attendance and the Democratic assembly being conducted in the opposite manner.

There was most harmonious sentiment among everyone present at the session that the Republican party is going down to defeat because of the assembly and consequent alleged disruption, and that the Democrats must unify their action and so arrange their matters as to centralize the efforts at election on strong candidates, one for each office in the primaries, "to avoid room spots after the primaries among defeated candidates," as it was put by various speakers.

Various members of the central committee spoke of the prospects at the polls, all predicting success if the work should be properly conducted, and there was clearly an understanding as to who should head the state ticket. John Manning is without doubt the man decided on, and it would be surprising, it is said, if he did not succeed later in gaining the endorsement of the leaders openly. He will not accept, however, unless there is a clear field and he is assured of a strong support from all factions and candidates now in the field, according to the best information obtainable.

George H. Thomas, chairman of the Multnomah County Central Committee, created a sensation when he said that "the thing most needed in this state at the present time to insure success is a really Democratic newspaper."

"We need a Democratic newspaper above all other things, to win," said Chairman Thomas, and his utterance was applauded.

Committee men Thomas and Montag brought up the question as to the bringing out of candidates, and asked how it could be done without an assembly or "boom," which good Democrats said, so much deplore.

Sam White, formerly state chairman, said that good candidates must be sought out by the party leaders, the county committeemen, or some-

TOOZE AND HOFER MEET

FALLS CITY MAN CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Proves More Than Match For Anti-Assembly Candidate For Governor.

Colonel E. Hofer, the veteran editor of the Salem Journal, and known throughout the state as a skillful debater, met his match in Polk County last Saturday afternoon in the person of Walter L. Tooze, a prominent business man of the Willamette Valley, and one of Oregon's polished platform orators.

Mr. Tooze not only answered with telling effect every point in the argument of his opponent, but gave the Colonel a few things to take home and think over.

The debate was the result of a challenge from the supporters of Hofer's gubernatorial candidacy to any advocate of the assembly to meet the Colonel and debate the assembly question with him. Mr. Tooze, although confined to his home by illness, accepted the challenge. Disregarding the advice of his physician, he came to Dallas and was on hand promptly at the hour set for the discussion.

The debate had been liberally advertised in and around Dallas, but owing to the busy harvest season and the lack of opposition to the assembly platform, less than 100 voters were present when the meeting was called to order in the City Park.

G. W. McEee, of Dallas, presided and introduced the speakers.

Cited Democratic Authority.

Mr. Tooze opened the argument in a brief but entertaining talk. He laid emphasis on the fact that the assembly is not a nominating body; that it can only act in an advisory capacity.

He pointed out the wisdom of organization and united action in political affairs as well as in social life. In support of this contention, he cited a letter written by Governor George E. Chamberlain in 1906, wherein the Governor urged the importance of the Democrats of Oregon holding an assembly to adopt a platform and suggest candidates to be voted for in the primary and general election.

Colonel Hofer spoke for an hour. He produced no argument against the assembly that was not already familiar to his hearers; in fact, he devoted but little attention to the assembly question but gave the most of his time to the subject of the initiative and referendum, Statement No. 1 and an attack on the state administration for what he termed its "activity in politics," and condemned the last Legislature as an extravagant body.

Mr. Tooze, in his reply, called attention to the fact that a large majority of the members of the Legislature so savagely denounced by Colonel Hofer were elected to office directly by the people on a Statement No. 1 platform. This added in movement toward the beautifying of the fair grounds will be a surprise to the many visitors to the show in September, as the floral display and artistic scheme worked out is the most beautiful in the Northwest.

GAS PRESSURE DELAYS WORK

Forces Rock Upward Into Casing In Nehalem Well.

A strange phenomenon took place at the oil well Wednesday while Mr. Smith was drilling at his usual steady pace, says the Nehalem Enterprise.

He was drilling through a solid formation of shale rock and had already drilled a distance of 15 feet in the formation, when all of a sudden, the drill passed into a crumbled mass of the same material which had been forced up into the casing to a height of eight feet by the gas pressure below.

The gas was ignited, and burned to a height of 15 feet for about a minute. The loose material was then cleared away, but it became necessary to order a new reamer to clear the well below so that the casing could be lowered without damage. This will necessitate a delay of 10 days before the steamer will arrive from Portland.

DRILL FOR OIL IN COOS

Test Well Will Be Sunk on Bear Creek Near Bandon.

Work is now in progress toward making a test for oil on Bear Creek, near Bandon, in Coos, Oregon, and Morris of Bradford, Penn., are erecting a large derrick and will have it ready for the machinery when it arrives, which will be in a few days.

These men are expert oil drillers from the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and came prepared to make a thorough test for oil, which they believe exists along the Coast.

The test will be watched with interest by people far and near, and the result, if oil is found, will mean a great deal for Bandon and the Coast.

Christian Church Services.

Services next Sunday: Morning subject, "A Bible School Union;" evening subject, "The Christian Church;" its Founder, its Foundation and its Progress." All are welcome.

Every member is requested to be present at the service on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Please do not fail to come, as much depends on your being present at this meeting, for the future work of the church.

LEON MYERS, Pastor.

Boy's Arm Broken.

John VanNortwick, the 13-year-old son of Night Officer Frank VanNortwick, fell while playing at the family home Saturday afternoon and sustained a fracture of both bones of his right arm. The leg was broken between the wrist and elbow. Doctor McCollum reduced the fracture and the lad is resting comfortably.

Try an Observer "Want Ad."

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LEADS SEATTLE BY 20,000

Estimates Recently Made Give Portland Population of 223,000.

Portland's population will be shown by the census to exceed Seattle's by 20,000, according to information received from unofficial but apparently entirely reliable sources.

These are the figures given:

Portland 223,000
Seattle 203,000

From the same source it is learned that the population of Tacoma, as ascertained by the census enumerators, is about 115,000. The figures given as to each of the three cities are only approximate, but are believed to be within a few hundreds of the official computations, now on file with the census bureau at Washington, D. C.

Utmost efforts have been made to keep the official figures from becoming known in advance of their promulgation by the census bureau, especially because of the keen disappointment which they are expected to cause in the Puget Sound metropolis.

The figures quoted as to the population of Seattle and Portland relate only to the number of people residing within the actual city limits of the two cities. It is said that the census will show not less than 40,000 people residing in the immediate suburbs of Portland and within the territory reached by the street car lines on a five-cent fare. If this suburban population were to be included, the total for Portland would be approximately 263,000.

GOOD WATER AT STATE FAIR

Visitors Will Not Have to Drink Willamette River Sewage.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—Drinking water will be supplied at the Oregon state fair grounds this year from several driven wells forced to fountains by a compressed air system. Heretofore this feature has received little attention, as the business of arranging for exhibits has taken considerable time, but the present board of directors have endeavored not to overlook anything for the welfare of visitors with the result that this system of drinking water has been installed.

The service system installed last year has been enlarged upon, which brings the sanitary condition of the grounds up to a high state of perfection, thereby giving an adequate drainage which has previously been lacking. Work on the "court of honor" at the fair grounds is progressing rapidly, the flowers and vines are maturing to a state of perfection, and every detail is rounding to, just as figured on by Landscape Gardener Hugh Bryann.

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IS VICTIM OF OVERWORK

Superintendent Harry Belt Suffers From Nervous Collapse.

Superintendent Harry Belt has been drawing too heavily on his reserve fund of strength recently which nearly resulted in a collapse last Thursday. About the first indication of the limit being reached was given by his fainting away at the Summer School at the college that day. While Mr. Belt soon recovered from this, it was followed on Friday by a nervous chill, and he decided it was time to call a halt. Upon the advice of physicians he went to Salem for a short time, where he will be free from care as well as have medical advice. It is reported that he will have to give up his work for a time if he avoids a breakdown.

Mr. Belt has been doing double duty for some time with a large part of the responsibility of the School Fair on his shoulders, added to his regular office work and teaching in the Summer School.—McMinville Register.

Purchase Church Property.

Rev. C. C. Poling, of Dallas, Presiding Elder of the United Evangelical Church, was in the city Wednesday and closed the deal with Mr. E. D. Crawford for the church property on the corner of D and Cedar streets, North McMinnville. The Evangelical people have strong congregations at Dayton, Lafayette, Pleasantdale and Unionvale, in this county, and have a number of families in the city and others contemplating coming to the city.—McMinville Telephone-Register.

Another Candidate For Judge.

John Bayne, of Salem, has filed with the Secretary of State his declaration of intention of becoming a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the circuit court bench in the Third Judicial district. Judge Galloway filed his declaration several weeks ago, and the two will be nominees of the Democratic party at the coming election.

Buys Dairy Cows.

R. A. Campbell, well-known stock buyer and owner of the Sheridan meat market, was a business visitor in Dallas, Friday. Mr. Campbell is buying dairy cattle for the Portland market, and has shipped several carloads of choice cows out of Polk County in the last few weeks.

More Furniture at Library.

The Dallas Free Library has been supplied with another magazine rack, a long-needed article of furniture. Two new volumes of late fiction added to the book shelves are "The Emigrant Trail," by Bonner, and "The City of Beautiful Nonsense," by Thurston.

Sells Mill Creek Farms.

Ed Wilson this week sold the Lin Bray place of 140 acres on Mill creek to V. Shepard, of Brooks, and the John McCollum 48 acres, also on the same creek, to Peter Span.—Sheridan Sun.

ADVISED AN ASSEMBLY

A HIGHLY PROPER PROCEDURE. SAID GOV. CHAMBERLAIN.

Letter Written Four Years Ago Advocated Assemblies Both in Counties and in State.

Senator Chamberlain's attitude on the assembly question is arousing considerable interest and discussion in the newspapers of the state. The following letter, written by Mr. Chamberlain in 1906, in reply to a call for a state and county assembly, sent out by the Umatilla Democrats, has been printed in several newspapers:

"Hon. A. D. Stillman, County Chairman, Pendleton, Or.—My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 8th inst., and hasten to thank you, and, through you, the county central committee, for the very courteous invitation to be present on the 17th inst. at the meeting of the Democrats to be held in Pendleton.

"I deem it proper for me to say that the movement which you have inaugurated meets with my full concurrence. I question the propriety of calling either a county or state convention for the purpose of enacting a platform or nominating candidates, for the reason that such a course might be deemed by many as an attempt to thwart the purpose of the primary nominating law. I feel that this law ought now to be given a full, fair and impartial trial, and if in working it out in detail it proves cumbersome or distasteful to the people then such measures may be adopted in the future as will correct any evils which may arise from its operation. I do feel, however, that it would be proper to call an assembly of Democrats, both in the several counties and in the state, to adopt a declaration of principles and to suggest to the people capable and trustworthy men to be nominated at the direct primary nomination election and to be voted for at the general election.

"I wish you would discuss the matter at your meeting of the 17th inst., and, if possible, inaugurate a movement which will bring the Democrats together at some central point from all over the state to take steps along the same lines as those which will be taken by the Democrats of Umatilla County. I think that such action would be salutary and would arouse enthusiasm among our friends everywhere.

"It is well understood that it is always difficult, even in convention, to get men to accept places on the ticket, because of the fact that the Republican majority is so large in Oregon as to make every candidate for office on the Democratic ticket feel that he is leading a forlorn hope and his acceptance of a place on the ticket is usually at a sacrifice of inclination and interests as well.

"Trusting that the movement which you have inaugurated may meet with abundant success, I have the honor to remain, yours very sincerely,

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN."

WILL VOTE BY THE YARD

Oregon Election Ballot Will Be Over Six Feet Long.

From the manner in which candidates for state offices are filing declarations and petitions for nomination, and allowing a liberal space on the ballot for a statement of their views, it is now in the hands of the state printer, voters of Oregon will have a sheet of paper 15 inches in width and at least six feet long to pore over at the primaries, September 24.

The state officials have made a conservative estimate as to the number of candidates to appear on the ballot, selecting Multnomah county as a basis to figure on, owing to it being the largest county in the state. Allowing each state office which is to be voted upon two candidates, there will be an aggregate of 62 names, and each one will require at least a half-inch space on the ballot. The number of candidates will undoubtedly be greater before the time arrives for closing the filing of declarations, but the number of offices to be voted upon in the different counties, outside of Multnomah, will be fewer.

State Printer Dunaway has just completed the printing of the first half of the election pamphlet, and he believes that when the balance of the work is turned over to him, the book will comprise 122 pages. The pamphlet this year will be much larger than any heretofore issued by the state. The last day for candidates to file printed matter will be September 3, and the state printer is compelled by statute to prepare the pamphlet for distribution not later than September 6.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT

Judge Galloway Makes Orders in Department No. 2.

Judge Galloway held an adjourned session of Circuit Court in Dallas last Friday. Orders were made in four cases, as follows:

Franklin E. Knowles vs. Mary E. Knowles, partition; McNary vs. McNary for plaintiff; Sibley & Eakin for defendant. Report of referee confirmed.

W. and M. Roseman, registration of title. Decree as prayed for.

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OUR MARKET LETTER

Receipts and Sales at Portland Union Stock Yards.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 13.—Receipts at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the week ending today have been as follows: Cattle, 1548; sheep, 5285, hogs 962, horses and mules 3.

The cattle market has been strong. In the receipts were a good many rough cattle and some that should have gone to the country as feeders. There was no evidence of weakness and more good quality stuff would have been taken at the ruling high prices.

The sheep market for the week has been steady. Good quality lambs sold at \$5.75, but buyers state that Mt. Adams lambs would have brought 6 cents.

The hog market broke a full 50 cents in sympathy with the very much lower prices at the Missouri River markets. Even with the break, the Portland market is fully \$1.50 per 100 lbs. higher than Omaha.

The Portland Livestock Exchange held a meeting and endorsed the Pacific Livestock Show to be given at Portland March 20, 21 and 22, 1911. In doing this the Exchange will forego a repetition of the Christmas Cattle Show held last December. Cattle feeders will do well to prepare something for the event. The same thing applies to feeders of sheep and hogs.

Representative sales have been as follows: Steers, \$4.25 to \$5.65; sheep, \$3.25 to \$4.85; cows, \$4 to \$5; hogs, \$9.75 to \$10.25; lambs, \$4 to \$5.75.

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